

Yank Held by Chinese Rebukes U.S. Visitors

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SHANGHAI, Sept. 19 (AP)—

An American business man who is a prisoner of Red China today lectured American tourists for "breaking United States law."

Hugh Redmond, 37, of Yonkers, N. Y., who has been sentenced to prison for life as a spy, told the tourists he felt they were violating American law by coming to Red China in defiance of state department passport regulations.

The Americans were delegates to a youth congress in Moscow and accepted an invitation to visit this country.

Loses All His Teeth

Redmond, whose White Russian wife is in Milwaukee, Wis., told the Americans he had been badly treated at first and had lost all his teeth from beriberi, a disease caused by an insufficiency of a vitamin of the B class. In the last year, however, he has been treated better, he said.

The prisoner was visited by nine of the 39 American visitors still in Red China, including Fred Grab of Alexandria, Va., who filed this dispatch.

The news he receives, Richmond said, is onesided reports from the Chinese News agency. If State Secretary Dulles were the goon he is made out to be by this agency, he said, he would have been kicked out of Washington long ago.

Richmond said his health was not bad, but that he has



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trouble remembering things. He declared, however, he had not worked for the American central intelligence agency, as charged by Red China, and that his sentence might be eased if the United States recognized the Peiping regime. The state department has described him as a legitimate business man.

Redmond was arrested in 1951 but was not sentenced until 1954. The authorities charged at the time that he was the "chief American spy" in China.

Has Use of Grounds

Recently he has lived in a house separate from the city prison and has a private room. He can use the guarded grounds.

Mrs. Patricia Tyler, another of the visitors, said she was convinced he had not been brainwashed or converted to communism. She said he stated he was an anarchist. She added that he did not appear greatly interested in his visitors and did not want them to do anything for him in the United States, such as visiting or writing to his family.

The Americans also visited Joseph McCormick and John Wagner, Roman Catholic